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1. WHILE GREATLY ENCOURAGED IN YOUR ESTIMATE OF OPERATIONAL READINESS AND FULLY SHARE DESIRE TO EMPLOY MAXIMUM EFFORT SOONEST NEVERTHELESS FOLLOWING FACTORS MUST DICTATE RESTRAINT:

A. ARMY HIGH COMMAND CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WHICH APPEAR TO BE PROGRESSING FAVORABLY BUT MOST UNCERTAINLY AT MOMENT. DUE BASIC NEED FOR ARMY SUPPORT AND OUR LACK OF RELIABLE KNOWLEDGE TRUE LOYALTIES WE MUST RECOGNIZE THIS SITUATION AS TEST OF HOW UNIFIED ARMY IS BEHIND ARBENZ. PREMATURE ATTACK AT THIS MOMENT FROM WSHOOPS COULD HAVE REVERSE AFFECT AND UNIFY RATHER THAN SPLIT. BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE CLARIFIED SOON.

B. FIGHTER AIRCRAFT NOT EXPECTED TO BE FULL STRENGTH AND OPERATIONAL UNTIL 18 JUNE AT EARLIEST. AIR SUPPLY PRE-D-DAY NOT EXPECTED BE COMPLETED UNTIL ABOUT 18 JUNE. SIGNAL NETS



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NOT SUFFICIENTLY ACTIVATED TO PROVIDE MINIMUM COMMO PROBABLY
MATTER 2 DAYS.

C. YOU WERE TO PROVIDE HORNETS OR REASONABLE EFFORT
AKIN THERETO PRIOR D-DAY TO TEST AND DEMONSTRATE AGGRESSIVE
CAPABILITIES. NO WORD RECEIVED SINCE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

2. WHILE FULLY COGNIZANT EXTREME IMPORTANCE STRIKING
AT PROPITIOUS MOMENT PRESENT AVAILABLE OPERATIONAL AND
INTELLIGENCE DATA CLEARLY INDICATES ADVANTAGES OF WAITING UNTIL
18 JUNE AND OBVIOUS DISADVANTAGES IN ACTION BEFORE THAT
DATE UNLESS PARA 1 SUDDENLY BREAKS IN FAVORABLE MANNER TO
OFFSET LACK OF AIR AND AIR SUPPLY OR FIGHTING REQUIRING AND
JUSTIFYING SUPPORT BREAKS OUT FOR ANY OF MANY POSSIBLE
REASONS.

3. URGE YOU IMPRESS UPON CALLIGERIS THAT SKIMMER IN
POSSESSION BROADER PICTURE THAN OBTAINABLE IN WSHOOFS AND
ALTHOUGH SHARING YOUR DESIRES AND ANXIETY MUST INSIST YOU
KEEP WORKING HARD ON TRAINING AND OTHER PREPARATIONS KEEPING
ON ALERT UNTIL PROPER MOMENT ARRIVES.

4. VIEW NOW EXISTING RAPID COMMUNICATIONS THERE IS
NO NEED FOR CODE WORD BETWEEN SKIMMER AND SALAL BUT TO
CONTRARY DESIRE RECEIVE EXPRESSION YOUR OPINION IF AND WHEN

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YOU BELIEVE ZERO HOUR SHOULD BE SET PROVIDING AC OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE OPINIONS IN CASE OF DIFFERENCE. SKIMMER ALSO DESIRES EXERCISE OPTION TO INFORM SALAL WHEN IN ITS OPINION ZERO HOUR SHOULD BE SET.

5. FOR REASONS STATED IN PARA 1 SKIMMER PROPOSES 2020 JUNE 18 AS TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR H-HOUR. IN MEANTIME WILL ATTEMPT TO KEEP SALAL INFORMED OF OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND REQUESTS SALAL CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INFORM SKIMMER OF ITS OPERATIONAL READINESS.

END OF MESSAGE

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